

# HB0125



## 102ND GENERAL ASSEMBLY

State of Illinois

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Introduced 1/14/2021, by Rep. Sue Scherer

### SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

225 ILCS 420/5

from Ch. 111, par. 7655

Amends the Child Protective Investigator and Child Welfare Specialist Certification Act of 1987. Provides that a bachelor's degree in criminal justice may be used to satisfy the educational requirement under the Act for any person who applies for certification as a child protective investigator.

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A BILL FOR

1 AN ACT concerning regulation.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**  
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 5. The Child Protective Investigator and Child  
5 Welfare Specialist Certification Act of 1987 is amended by  
6 changing Section 5 as follows:

7 (225 ILCS 420/5) (from Ch. 111, par. 7655)

8 Sec. 5. In addition to the requirements of Section 4, a  
9 person shall be qualified to be certified if he or she:

10 (a) has passed an examination approved by the Department  
11 to determine his fitness to perform the duties of or otherwise  
12 function as a child protective investigator or child welfare  
13 specialist;

14 (b) is at least 18 years of age;

15 (c) has completed the curriculum of study or training,  
16 developed pursuant to Section 4, at the Department, college or  
17 other institution that is approved to do business in this  
18 State; and

19 (d) has a bachelor's degree in an area related to human  
20 services such as law enforcement, police science, criminology,  
21 social work, early childhood development or psychology,  
22 provided that this subsection (d) shall not apply to persons  
23 employed by the Department prior to the effective date of this

1 Act. A bachelor's degree in criminal justice may also be used  
2 to satisfy the educational requirement under this subsection  
3 (d) for any person who applies for certification as a child  
4 protective investigator.

5 The Department may take into consideration any felony  
6 conviction of the applicant, but such conviction shall not  
7 operate automatically as a complete bar to certification.

8 (Source: P.A. 85-206.)